



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

November 9, 2011

H.R. 1556

**A bill to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act
to allow certain lands to be used to generate income to provide
funding for academic programs, and for other purposes**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on October 5, 2011

H.R. 1556 would allow the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico, which operate the Sante Fe Indian School, to use property held in trust by the federal government for economic development activities. Under current law, the property can only be used for educational, health-related, or cultural purposes of the Sante Fe Indian School. Any income generated from economic development activities could be used by the Pueblos to promote educational, health-related, or cultural outcomes among students of the Sante Fe Indian School.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO expects that the legislation would have an insignificant impact on the agency's administrative costs. H.R. 1556 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues because any income resulting from new economic development activities would be paid directly to the Pueblos; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1556 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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